

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for handling a plurality of syringe bodies, comprising:

positioning a plurality of syringe bodies in a predetermined orientation;

interconnecting said plurality of syringe bodies in said predetermined orientation;

packaging said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies in a container after said interconnecting step;

unpackaging said plurality of syringe bodies from said container after said packaging step; and,

locating said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies in said predetermined orientation in a plurality of holders for at least one production operation after said unpackaging step.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising:
moving said plurality of holders along a predetermined path during said at least one production operation.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

6. (Original) A method as recited in Claim 4, wherein said plurality of holders are located on a support member, and wherein said moving step comprises:
rotating said support member.

7. (Original) A method as recited in Claim 4, wherein a plurality of work locations are located along said predetermined path, and wherein the method further comprises:
disposing said plurality of syringe bodies in series at said plurality of work locations to complete said at least one production operation.

Claim 8 (Cancelled).

9. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 1, wherein said at least one production operation comprises:

filling said plurality of syringe bodies with a predetermined fluid; and
labeling said plurality of syringe bodies to indicate the contents thereof.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

11. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising:
sterilizing said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies after said packaging step and prior to said unpackaging step.

12. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 1, wherein said plurality of holders are disposed to position adjacent ones of said plurality of syringe bodies in side-by-side relation.

13. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in Claim 12, further comprising:
separating said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies after said ~~located~~ locating step.

Claims 14-20 (Cancelled).

21. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies comprises a barrel and a plunger slidably disposed in one end of the barrel.

22. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 21, wherein each of said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies further comprises a cap disposed on another end of the corresponding barrel.

23. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising:
first completing said positioning, interconnecting and packaging steps at a production location; and,

second completing said unpackaging and locating steps at another location.

24. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 23, further comprising:
shipping said container from said production location to said another location.

25. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 23, further comprising:
sterilizing said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies at said production location.

26. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 25, wherein said sterilizing step is completed after said packaging step and prior to said unpackaging step.

27. (Previously Presented) A method for handling a plurality of syringe bodies, comprising:

positioning a plurality of syringe bodies in a predetermined orientation;

interconnecting said plurality of syringe bodies in said predetermined orientation;

locating said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies in said predetermined orientation into a plurality of holders; and,

labeling said plurality of syringe bodies to indicate the contents thereof with said plurality of syringe bodies located in said plurality of holders.

28. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 27, further comprising:
packaging said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies in a container after said

interconnecting step; and,

unpackaging said plurality of syringe bodies from said container after said packaging step.

29. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 28, further comprising: filling said plurality of syringe bodies with a predetermined fluid.

30. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 28, further comprising: sterilizing said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies after said packaging step and prior to said unpackaging step.

31. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 27, further comprising: separating said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies after said locating step.

32. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 28, wherein each of said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies comprises a barrel and a plunger slidably disposed in one end of the barrel.

33. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 32, wherein each of said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies further comprises a cap disposed on another end of the corresponding barrel.

34. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 28, further comprising: first completing said positioning, interconnecting and packaging steps at a production location; and,

second completing said unpackaging and locating steps at another location.

35. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 34, further comprising: shipping said container from said production location to said another location.

36. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 34, further comprising:

sterilizing said plurality of interconnected syringe bodies at said production location.

37. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in Claim 36, wherein said sterilizing step is completed after said packaging step and prior to said unpackaging step.